FCC Administrator:

I live in Central New Jersey and my wife is full time caretaker for my mother-in-law who has Alzheimer's. The ability to block solicitations on the phone is one additional protection that we can afford Mom-in Law. Elders - especially those with diminished capacities, can be easy targets for aggressive sales.

Even those salespersons (by far the majority) with no ulterior motives can easily talk those with mental impairments out of money.

I personally understand that companies consider telephone sales to be a viable way to conduct business, but please allow us to control the telephone in our house, so it remains an instrument of cinvenience, not an instrument of torture to those who cannot reason for themselves.